

SENATOR F. LEWIS PRESIDING

CLERK: LB 273. There are a series of motions to return. The bill was advanced this morning after the E & R amendments were adopted. The first one is offered by Senator Dworak.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Dworak, LB 273.

CLERK: The first amendment, Mr. President, I have four amendments by Senator Dworak. The first amendment is to return for specific amendment. The specific amendment is found on page 2105 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues. This amendment is found on 2105 of the Journal. If you would refer to that page please. This is an attempted compromise. I visited with the introducer and his biggest concern is control. This amendment definitely and specifically provides for adequate and stringent state controls and enforcement. I would urge the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator DeCamp and then Senator Keyes.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, my understanding and Senator Savage can correct me if I'm wrong, my understanding from conversation with Senator Dworak and some others that Senator Savage agrees with this concept. It's also my understanding from reading it that this forces, basically, state control and also forces all this money right through the Aksarben or whatever track is involved, means it pays taxes to the state, means the state has probably eliminated maybe by this method a lot of what we think is illegal bookie business. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask Senator Dworak a very short question. You are going to license them by the state and the state will get the \$1,000 and you are going to have the state police it. Is that right?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Wouldn't it be far better and you know how licensing bingo games and the state enforcing bingo laws, wouldn't it be far better if we allowed the local subdivision of government to issue the license, collect the \$1,000 and police it because it's going to be very hard for the state to come in and police Pegasus or whatever you want to call it, would be much easier if the local subdivision of government whether it was the county that they operated in or whether it was the city that they operated in. It would be much better if the city or the county would issue the license and take the fee and then police it. It would be far better and far more accurate. We could get it handled a lot easier.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Keyes, I'd have no objection to that but I think with the State Racing Commission now in force, probably because we're talking about this year, we ought to go ahead with it in this way and maybe next year change the licensing provision. I think we have the State Racing Commission set up and I think that for immediate implementation because we've got the season and we're in the middle of the season, they would be the ones to best handle it and maybe next session switch it over. I'd have no objections to doing it that way.